AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for laying a material sheet on a number of cylindrical bodies, comprising: ~~for example sleeves of paperboard or the like, which are employed int. al. within the papermaking industry for winding a manufactured paper web, sheet web or the like, characterised in that~~

a unit for applying a material web to the bodies; and

a conveyor ~~is~~ disposed to advance the cylindrical bodies in a ~~the~~ longitudinal direction thereof, to, past and away from said ~~a~~ unit ~~for supplying a material web to the bodies~~, ~~and that~~ the conveyor comprising: ~~is divided into at least two sections, of which the one is~~

a first section disposed to displace the cylindrical bodies in their longitudinal direction up to connecting ~~connection~~ with an ~~the~~ end of a preceding body; [[,]] and ~~of which the~~

a second section which is connected to said first second and operates independent of said first section, and is disposed to positively rotate the cylindrical bodies about their longitudinal axis and displace the cylindrical bodies in the direction of their longitudinal axis during said applying ~~application~~ of the material web, with a ~~the~~ desired spacing between ~~the~~ edges of the applied material web.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first ~~characterised in that the one conveyor~~ section is disposed to displace the bodies ~~at a higher speed~~ ahead of the unit for applying the material web for connection of the bodies to the end of the preceding body and to permit slipping of the bodies after the connection to the end of the preceding body.

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first and second ~~characterised in that the conveyor~~ sections comprise first and second sides which comprise a plurality ~~number~~ of wheels disposed on a ~~either~~ side of the bodies, the wheels being obliquely inclinable ~~inclined~~ in relation to the longitudinal axis of the bodies for rotation and driving thereof towards, past and away from the unit for applying the material

web.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said conveyer further comprises a driving belt and a drive pulley, ~~characterised in that~~ the wheels being rotated ~~are rotary~~ by means of said a driving belt extending about their periphery, on which the cylindrical bodies rest ~~sleeve rests~~ and which extends to and around the a drive pulley.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the wheels are arranged pairwise and are obliquely inclined ~~included pairwise~~ for regulating the advancement speed of the bodies.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the wheel pairs in the first ~~one~~ section of the conveyor are ~~may be~~ obliquely inclinable ~~inclined~~ independently of the wheel pairs in the second section of the conveyor.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the drive pulleys for the wheels on the first ~~one~~ side of the first and second sections are disposed on a first common shaft and the drive pulleys for the wheels on the second side of the first and second sections are disposed on a second common shaft which is ~~that the shafts are~~ interconnected with said first common shaft ~~to one another~~, and

wherein a drive unit provides ~~for~~ synchronous driving of the first and second common shafts and thereby the pulleys and the obliquely inclinable wheels.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the first and second common shafts in the first ~~one conveyor~~ section are discrete and separate from the first and second common shafts in the second ~~conveyor~~ section in order to permit differentiated driving of the wheel pairs in the first and second ~~different~~ sections.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: ~~characterised in that~~

a knife which is arranged to cut the applied material web at an ~~the~~ end of the bodies

~~body~~ after ~~its~~ passage of the unit for applying the material web during conveying-off of the bodies ~~body~~ therefrom.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3 ~~1~~, further comprising: ~~characterised in that~~

a plurality ~~number~~ of trailing wheels which are provided above the bodies at the unit for applying the material web for urging the bodies against said plurality of ~~the conveyor~~ wheels.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: ~~characterised in that~~

a trailing wheel which is provided for abutment against the cylindrical body flush with a point where the material web is applied to ~~is applied on~~ the cylindrical body.

12-18. (Canceled)

19. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of wheels in said first section are inclinable independent of said plurality of wheels in said second section.

20. (New) A conveyor for advancing plural cylindrical bodies in a longitudinal direction thereof, comprising:

a first section disposed to displace a first cylindrical body of said plural cylindrical bodies in said longitudinal direction up to connection with the end of a second body of said plural cylindrical bodies which precedes said first cylindrical body; and

a second section which is connected to said first second and operates independent of said first section, and disposed to positively rotate the plural cylindrical bodies about their longitudinal axis and displace the plural cylindrical bodies in a direction of their longitudinal axis during said applying of the material web, with the desired spacing between the edges of the applied material web.

21. (New) The conveyor of claim 20, further comprising:

a driving belt and a drive pulley, the wheels being rotated by means of said driving belt extending about their periphery, on which the cylindrical bodies rest and which extends to and around the drive pulley.

22. (New) The conveyor of claim 21, wherein said first and second sections comprise first and second sides which comprise a plurality of wheels disposed on a side of the bodies, the wheels being obliquely inclinable in relation to the longitudinal axis of the bodies for rotation and driving thereof towards, past and away from the unit for applying the material web.

23. (New) The conveyor of claim 22, wherein the wheels comprise plural pairs of wheels which are obliquely inclined for regulating the advancement speed of the bodies.

24. (New) The conveyor of claim 23, wherein the plural pairs of wheels in the first section are obliquely inclinable independently of the plural pairs of wheels in the second section.